

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) An enteral nutrition product for enteral administration, not orally, but directly to a stomach or intestines of a dysphagic patient from an external container connected to an external portion of a feeding tube provided through a through-hole of a stoma formed through a portion of the abdominal and stomach walls of the patient upon the application of pressure to said external container, said enteral nutrition product comprising:

a semi-solid material having a substantially self-supporting consistency that deforms to flow under an externally applied load without liquefying and that is capable of containing a higher concentration of a nutrient component than a liquid,

wherein said semi-solid material comprises a mixture of a liquid nutrient solution and a semi-solidifying agent comprising agar that is added to said liquid nutrient solution; and

wherein said mixture comprises said semi-solidifying agent and said liquid nutrient solution in a predetermined ratio sufficient to ensure that said self-supporting consistency of said semi-solid enteral nutrition product remains substantially unchanged before, during, and after enteral administration of said semi-solid enteral nutrition product into the patient, and said self-supporting consistency of said semi-solid enteral nutrition product is further maintained within the stomach or the intestines of the patient such that said semi-solid enteral nutrition product does not liquefy due to the body temperature of the patient, to thereby prevent the patient from experiencing gastro-esophageal reflux.

9. (New) The enteral nutrition product according to claim 8, wherein said feeding tube has an internal diameter that is larger than approximately 4 mm.

10. (New) A method for preparing the semi-solid enteral nutrition product according to claim 8, comprising the steps of:

providing a holder comprising said container;

filling said holder with said mixture of said liquid nutrient solution and said semi-solidifying agent in a liquid state thereof; and

cooling said mixture within said holder, together with said holder, to thereby prepare said enteral nutritional product.

11. (New) An enteral nutrition product administration device comprising:

a holder; and

the enteral nutrition product according to claim 8 provided within said holder; wherein said holder comprises said container; and

wherein said enteral nutrition product is prepared by a method comprising the steps of:

providing said holder;

filling said holder with said mixture of said liquid nutrient solution and said semi-solidifying agent; and

cooling said mixture within said holder, together with said holder, to thereby prepare said enteral nutrition product.

12. (New) The enteral nutrition product according to claim 8, wherein said semi-solidifying agent comprising agar is added in amount of 1 gram to 200 ml of a diluting liquid that is added to said liquid nutrient solution.

13. (New) The enteral nutrition product administration device according to claim 10, containing a required amount of the enteral nutrition product per one batch of administration which is fed into the patient via the feeding tube.